



Dear friend,

Thank you for your interest in the Paws4ever Legacy Care program. After 50 years providing care and finding forever families for the homeless cats and dogs in our area, Paw4ever became aware of a major need. Many individuals want to include their beloved pets in their estate planning but have no logical caregivers among family or friends. Other pet owners have included a caretaker in their estate planning to later learn their designated caregiver was no longer able or willing to help, and they were forced to search for an alternative. Moreover, family members are often left with a pet when someone they love passes away but they're unable to provide care for that pet for a variety of reasons.

The frustration and anxiety that pet owners or their surviving family members have experienced because there are no options of continued pet care available in their area, as well as the number of pets that are surrendered to county shelters when their owners pass away, is what prompted Paws4ever to create Legacy Care.

It's also what I personally experienced when I began considering available options for my two dogs. I wanted someone to care for them as I would if something happened to me and I could no longer provide care. To love them unconditionally in spite of their quirky behaviors. To provide quality food and plenty of exercise and to be aware of their food allergies.

In order to ensure that personalized care is available for my dogs when I'm no longer able to care for them, for the peace of mind that comes from knowing they'll be happy and healthy till the end of their days even if I'm not with them and to know that they'll never be subjected to a shelter environment that would be absolutely terrifying for them – these are the reasons I chose to join Legacy Care.

And these are the reasons I'm thrilled that Paws4ever is able to offer this same peace of mind to our community. I look forward to speaking with you after you've had a moment to peruse the enclosed information. Please contact us at LEGACY@PAWS4EVER.ORG or (919) 241.8438 x 114 with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you and your pet into Legacy Care.

Sincerely,

Laura Griest
Legacy Care Manager

PAWS4EVER LEGACY CARE FAQs

- **What is Legacy Care?**

Legacy Care at Paws4ever provides a loving home for dogs and cats when their owners cannot provide care. Through this program, we offer three solutions designed to help accommodate various situations.

- Boarding (planned and emergency)
- Immediate admission of animals whose owner can no longer provide care
- Enrollment for pet parents who want to plan ahead to ensure care if/when needed

- **I'm not a Legacy Care member but need to board my pet. Is Legacy Care Boarding an option for me?**

Yes! Boarding in our Legacy Care Residence is a great option for a weekend or several months, depending on your needs. We even offer pet parents the option to plan ahead for boarding in case of an emergency. As space allows, we accept dogs and cats who we consider an appropriate fit based on the animals living in the Residence at the time. Animals with infectious diseases or aggressive behaviors will not be considered. All pets must be current on required vaccines. For dogs this includes DHPP, rabies and bordatella. For cats, we require FVRCP, rabies and FeLV (in some cases). To learn more, view our Boarding Information & Application on our website PAWS4EVER.ORG.

- **Do I need to apply to Legacy Care or can I simply include Paws4ever in my will? What if I need someone to care for my pet immediately?**

Every pet must apply to be considered for the Legacy Care program. By enrolling in the program in advance, you will enjoy peace of mind knowing that your pets are guaranteed care when needed, and by enrolling now you'll lock in the admission fee, which will otherwise increase over time.

While we encourage pet owners to plan ahead, we recognize that this isn't always possible. Therefore we do accept pets immediately into our program as space allows once the application process is completed. If you require immediate care for a pet, please let us know and we'll be happy to start the application process with you.

- **How much does Legacy Care cost?**

An enrollment fee of \$1,000 per pet is due upon acceptance into the program. A minimum admission fee of \$15,000 per pet is due when Paws4ever takes over the care of the pet. These funds may be provided by a provision included in your Will or Trust or by designating a life insurance policy or certificate of deposit to Paws4ever. Discounts are available for pets adopted from Paws4ever and admission fees paid at the time of enrollment. Fees are subject to increase over time.

- **What if I've included a provision in my Will for Legacy Care but I become incapacitated and need care for my pet before I pass away?**

We recommend that you grant authority to your Power of Attorney to admit your pet upon your

behalf if you become incapacitated. Sample language is included in the Enrollment Packet.

- **If the admission fee increases after I enroll, will I be expected to pay the increased amount?**
No. The admission fee specified at the time of enrollment is the amount due upon admittance. By joining now, you lock in the current admission rate.
- **If my pet dies, can I transfer the admission fee to another pet? Will I be required to pay another enrollment fee?**
The enrollment fee and admission fee (either pre-paid or the established amount at the time of enrollment) for a deceased pet can be used towards a new pet. Each pet must apply and be accepted into the program individually.
- **What is the Legacy Care standard of care?**
We ensure quality in these six primary areas: food, affection, prompt attention and quality care regarding all medical concerns, mental stimulation, healthy and safe environment and physical exercise.
- **Where will my pet live once admitted into Legacy Care?**
Your pet will live in a Legacy Care Provider's own home or in our Legacy Care Residence located on the beautiful 50-acre Paws4ever sanctuary until they are matched with a forever home. At no time will your pet be in an animal shelter environment.
- **How will an adoptive family be selected for my pet?**
Through a thorough application, interview and home visit process, we will select an adoptive parent who isn't simply a good pet owner but one who is an excellent match for the needs of your pet.
- **Can I consider Legacy Care as a back-up option to my selected caregiver?**
Yes. We will help you incorporate language into your Will that transfers ownership of your pet to the Paws4ever Legacy Care program if your identified caregiver is unable or unwilling to provide for your pet's care at the time of your death.
- **Does Legacy Care accept animals other than dogs or cats?**
No. Legacy Care only accepts dogs and cats at this time.
- **Tell me more about Paws4ever.**
Paws4ever is dedicated to creating and growing lifetime relationships between pets and people through adoption, training, education and care. We have been committed to the welfare of dogs and cats for over 50 years and operate an adoption center and dog training program in addition to Legacy Care. Learn more at PAWS4EVER.ORG.
- **I'm interested in joining the Legacy Care program. How do I learn more?**
To speak with someone about Legacy Care, please contact us at LEGACY@PAWS4EVER.ORG or (919) 241.8438 x114. You'll find an enrollment packet and additional information on our website at PAWS4EVER.ORG/LEGACY-CARE.

**PAWS4EVER LEGACY CARE PROGRAM
APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST**

STEP 1: APPLICATION

To apply for the Paws4ever Legacy Care program, please return completed copies of the documents listed below. Our Legacy Care staff will review your application and speak with your veterinarian to determine acceptance into the program.

_____ Member Information Form 100

_____ Individual Enrollment Data Form 102 – one for each pet

_____ Medical Information Form 103 – one for each pet (completed by veterinarian)

_____ Photo of pet(s)

STEP 2: ENROLLMENT

After reviewing your application, if we believe your pet is a good fit for our program, we'll contact you to arrange a meeting. During this meeting, we'll enjoy spending time with your furry friend and will finalize your enrollment into the program, which includes completing the Pet Owner Agreement and Authorization Form, both of which are included in the Enrollment packet for your review. We'll also accept your fees due at this time. After our meeting, you'll receive a copy of the Pet Owner Agreement signed by both parties, along with an acceptance letter and receipt for your records.

_____ Legacy Care Pet Owner Agreement

_____ Authorization Form 101

_____ Enrollment fee check (made payable to Paws4ever)

_____ Admission fee payment or provision documentation (select one):

_____ Payment of admission fee (made payable to Paws4ever)

_____ Copy of document showing the provision for the admission fee for each pet. Named beneficiary should be Animal Protection Society of Orange County d/b/a Paws4ever fbo Paws4ever Legacy Care.

All materials should be mailed, emailed or faxed to Paws4ever Legacy Care
legacy@paws4ever.org | (877) 268.7014 fax | 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, NC 27302

**PAWS4EVER LEGACY CARE PROGRAM
MEMBER INFORMATION FORM**

Date: _____

Name(s): _____ DOB: _____

_____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

(Work) _____ Email: _____

Preferred contact method: Email Phone Mail

Number of pets being enrolled: Feline: _____ Canine: _____

Attorney Information

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Executor Information

Name: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

**PAWS4EVER LEGACY CARE PROGRAM
AUTHORIZATION FORM**

I/We hereby transfer ownership of my/our pets to Paws4ever Legacy Care at the time Paws4ever takes possession of the pets to enter the program as detailed in the Pet Owner Agreement.

I/We authorize the below listed Interim Caretaker to notify Paws4ever of the need to take possession of the enrolled pet(s) and to release said pet(s) to a representative of Paws4ever.

I/We authorize the below listed veterinarian to release to Paws4ever the complete medical record of the pet(s) enrolled in the Paws4ever Legacy Care program at the time Paws4ever takes possession of such pet(s).

Owner(s): _____

Printed Name(s): _____

Date: _____

Interim Caretaker Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Veterinarian Contact Information

Clinic Name: _____

Primary Veterinarian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Office) _____ (Fax) _____

**PAWS4EVER LEGACY CARE PROGRAM
INDIVIDUAL ENROLLMENT DATA**

Date: _____

Name: _____ Canine _____ Feline _____

Normally lives: Inside _____ Outside _____ Inside/Outside _____

Has this pet lived with or spent time with other species? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain which species s/he has interacted with and how well they got along.

Are there any behavioral problems towards people or other animals? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Diet (please list food type, amount and frequency): _____

Known allergies, health problems or conditions:

Medications and Flea/Tick/Heartworm Preventative (please list brand, dosage and frequency/date administered):

Grooming Needs (please list type, frequency and any challenges grooming this pet):

Mental/Physical Stimulation (please list preferred exercise and play activities and frequency):

Special Needs/Comments:

Do you have pet insurance for this pet? If so, please list the policy information here.

** Please use a separate form for each pet*

**PAWS4EVER LEGACY CARE PROGRAM
MEDICAL INFORMATION
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR VETERINARIAN**

Date: _____
 Owner(s): _____
 Pet's Name: _____ Canine Feline
 Breed: _____ Male Female
 Color: _____ Spayed/Neutered
 DOB/Age: _____ Weight: _____
 Microchip #: _____ Chip Company: _____

CANINE			FELINE		
Vaccine/Test	Administered Date	Due Date	Vaccine/Test	Administered Date	Due Date
DHPP	_____	_____	FVRCP	_____	_____
Rabies	_____	_____	Rabies	_____	_____
Bordetella	_____	_____	FeLV	_____	_____
Other vaccine	_____	_____	Other vaccine	_____	_____
Heartworm Test	_____	_____	FeLV/FIV Test	_____	_____
Fecal	_____	_____	Fecal	_____	_____
Annual Exam	_____	_____	Annual Exam	_____	_____

Last dental cleaning (date) _____

Other lab results (date and abnormal findings) _____

Current Medications _____

Any known allergies or reactions to drugs? _____

Other health problems (date and brief description):

Have you had any problems handling this pet during examinations or while administering medications or treatments?

Any necessary comments regarding diet or weight loss management? _____

Comments:

Veterinarian's Name: _____

Clinic Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax/email:** _____

Veterinarian's Signature: _____

** Please use a separate form for each pet.*

State of North Carolina

County of _____

LEGACY CARE PET OWNER AGREEMENT

This Legacy Care Agreement made this _____ day of _____, 20____, between the Animal Protection Society of Orange County d/b/a/Paws4ever, hereinafter referred to a “P4E” and _____ of the County of _____, State of _____, hereinafter referred to as “Pet Owner.”

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, P4E desires to operate an animal care program to be a resource for those who can no longer care for their beloved pets.

WHEREAS, Pet Owner(s) shares with P4E a mutual interest in providing for his/her pet(s) after they can no longer care for them and has demonstrated this interest through his/her support in the establishment and maintenance of P4E and the Legacy Care program; and

WHEREAS, the Pet Owner(s) desires that the following number and species of animal(s) be provided shelter, love, care and comfort in a private forever home for the rest of the animal’s life after the Pet Owner becomes unable to care for the animal(s):

_____ Cat(s)

_____ Dog(s)

WHEREAS, P4E agrees to provide such shelter, love, care and comfort for the animal(s) by and through their Legacy Care Providers or adopter upon the terms set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Pet Owner acknowledges and agrees that P4E’s acceptance of the animal(s) is contingent upon the payment of a non-refundable enrollment and admission fee as outlined in the ATTACHMENT A to this Agreement. *

WHEREAS, the Pet Owner acknowledges and agrees that P4E’s acceptance of each animal is contingent upon its being free of disease(s) that could adversely affect the health of other animals or human caretakers and that the pet’s temperament is such that it does not pose a threat to human caretakers;

WHEREAS, the Pet Owner acknowledges and agrees that P4E's acceptance of each animal is contingent upon it being spayed or neutered;

THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

I.

At the time of the execution of this Agreement, the Pet Owner shall provide P4E with a completed enrollment packet. The Pet Owner shall provide any additional information necessary to carry out the duties of P4E and owners as set out herein.

II.

Pet Owner shall bequeath the animal(s) to P4E and ensure payment of the admission fee, either immediately, through a provision in his or her Will or Trust as detailed in ATTACHMENT B, or with Life Insurance, certificate of deposit or IRA in favor of P4E Legacy Care in an amount equal to or in excess of the required minimum amount, commensurate with the number of pet(s) to be enrolled. Proof of the creation of the provision for such funds must be provided to P4E. Should such a provision not be created, this Pet Owner Agreement shall be null and void.

III.

The Pet Owner shall be responsible for all costs incurred in transporting the animal(s) to P4E from outside P4E's local area, to consist of a 50-mile radius of Mebane, North Carolina. If the pet(s) is/are located within a 50-mile radius of Mebane, North Carolina at the time the Pet Owner becomes unable to care for it/them, and adequate arrangements are in place for the aforementioned provision of the required admission fee, P4E will be responsible for transporting the animal(s) to P4E.

IV.

Within a reasonable time after the death of a pet, the Pet Owner shall notify P4E of such fact. If the Pet Owner wishes to enroll another animal, the Pet Owner must submit application forms, as described in section I, for the new pet. If the new pet is accepted into the program, the enrollment fee previously paid for the deceased pet will be applied to that of the new pet. Provided that the new pet is accepted into the program and is considered to need standard care, the established admission fee amount or pre-paid admission fee (as applicable) for the deceased pet will be applied to the new pet. If the new pet has medical needs requiring an increased admission fee, the fee will be set based on the admission fee required at the time of enrollment for the deceased pet. Membership is established with the above mentioned Pet Owner(s) and is not transferrable to another person.

V.

Upon performance of the duties of the Pet Owner as set forth herein, P4E shall be obligated by and through their Legacy Care Providers to perform the following duties:

1. Take physical possession and responsibility for the pet(s) within a reasonable time, not to exceed seven (7) working days after notification of the necessity for P4E to take possession of a currently enrolled pet located within a 50-mile radius and not to exceed fourteen (14) working days for pets located outside a 50-mile radius of P4E.
2. Through the Legacy Care Providers provide proper shelter, nutrition, exercise, affection and complete medical and surgical care for the pet(s) in a home environment for the pet's life until such time as the pet dies, is adopted by an approved caretaker or when a quality of life cannot be sustained.
3. Accept the return of an enrolled pet if his/her adopter is no longer able to provide care. Acceptance is contingent upon its being free of disease(s) that could adversely affect the health of other animals or human caretakers and that the pet's temperament is such that it does not pose a threat to human caretakers.

The obligations of P4E under this Pet Owner Agreement are contingent upon P4E receipt of adequate funding from the Pet Owner to provide the shelter, care and comfort for the pet(s) as set forth in this Agreement.

VII.

The law of the State of North Carolina shall govern this Pet Owner Agreement.

VIII.

Until finalization of this agreement and physical possession of the pet(s) by P4E, the Pet Owner assumes entire responsibility and care for said pet(s). The Pet Owner assumes entire liability for any causes of action related to said pet(s), including injuries or death to persons or animals or damages to property.

Upon physical possession of the pet by P4E into its Legacy Care program, the Pet Owner agrees to relinquish, convey and give over to P4E complete legal ownership rights of said pet(s).

Witness my hand the day and year first written.

Pet Owner(s): _____

Print Name(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date: _____

Accepted:

Animal Protection Society of Orange County d/b/a/ Paws4ever

Name/Title

Date

* Subject to re-evaluation and change without notice

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Enrollment fee: \$1,000 x _____ (# of pets) = \$ _____ (total enrollment due)
____ full amount paid at enrollment

____ paid in installments over 12 months or less with the following payment plan
(include due dates and amounts equaling total enrollment due)

Admission fee:

____ due upon admission \$ _____ per pet

____ pre-paid at enrollment \$ _____ per pet

ATTACHMENT A

ADMISSION FEE REQUIREMENTS*

Paws4ever is committed to caring for animals and helping them live life to the fullest. The costs associated with our unique Legacy Care program are described below.

Enrollment Fee

A non-refundable enrollment fee of **\$1,000.00** per pet is due at the time of enrollment. Payment plans may be available.

Admission Fee

The long-term care of an animal can be costly as the potential for disease and injury and the need for medication and routine health maintenance increase with age. A minimum admission fee for each pet is required when Paws4ever takes over the care of the pet. Any amount above the minimum required amount helps cover unexpected expenses related to your pet and supports the needs of the program in general. This additional amount is considered a donation to the organization and is tax-deductible. Thank you for your generosity.

Admission Fee options:

- Paid at time of admission
Payment may be provided through a provision in your Will or Trust; by designating a life insurance policy, certificate of deposit or IRA to Paws4ever or with a personal check.
 - Pets adopted from Paws4ever: minimum of **\$10,000** per pet
 - All other pets: minimum of **\$15,000** per pet

- Paid in advance
Advance payment is due at enrollment in order to receive a discount. The discount is void if animals are admitted within 180 days of enrollment.
 - Pets adopted from Paws4ever: minimum of **\$8,500**** per pet
 - All other pets: minimum of **\$12,750**** per pet

Please make checks payable to **Paws4ever**.

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Donors should consult their own counsel regarding tax implications.

**PAWS4EVER LEGACY CARE PROGRAM
TESTAMENTARY LANGUAGE**

Paws4ever recommends that you consult your attorney regarding the language to be included in your Will. Below you'll find sample text you may consider incorporating. This language is only a suggestion, and its exact use is not required for admission into the Legacy Care program. Please refer to the Pet Owner Agreement to ensure your testamentary language meets the expectations required for program admission.

Should you or your attorney have questions about the language in your Will, please contact licensed attorney and Paws4ever Board member Kendall Page at (919) 942.4161 or KendallHillPage@aol.com who will be happy to assist you.

In the event I own companion animals at my death, I give to The Animal Protection Society of Orange County dba Paws4ever hereinafter referred to as "P4E" by and through their Legacy Care program any of my animals which are covered under the terms of a Pet Owner Agreement executed between me and P4E.

I give to P4E, a nonprofit corporation organized in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina _____ (bequest amount, i.e. admission fee amount or greater) per pet.

I give to P4E all medications and medical supplies, toys, bedding, structures, grooming supplies, food and treats, dishes, leashes/collars and any other items associated with my pet(s).

Power of Attorney

We also recommend that you grant authority to your Power of Attorney to admit your pet on your behalf if you become incapacitated. Sample language to include in your Power of Attorney document is below.

In the event I become unable to take care of any pets I own due to prolonged physical or mental illness, I direct that my Attorney-in-fact shall place my pets with Legacy Care at Paws4ever located in Mebane, North Carolina. Upon placement with Legacy Care at Paws4ever, my Attorney-in-fact is directed to pay the sum of \$_____ (admission fee amount or greater) for each pet to Legacy Care.